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## Meeting Minutes - Approved June 17, 2015 City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 20, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
Ward 6 Council Office  
3202 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Tucson, AZ 85716

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1. Call to Order, Introductions, Approval of Minutes  
**Quorum established. The meeting was called to order by Maia Ingram at 6:06 p.m.**

**Wendy Lotze moved to approve the March minutes; John Anderson seconded. All were in favor.**

### Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Jeannie Maldonado John Anderson Davita Mueller Wendy Lotze Forest Weier B.J. Cordova Emily Yetman Maia Ingram	Crystal Somers Moniqua K. Lane Valerie Vinyard

### City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

Sgt. Fernandez Ann Chanecka Evren Sonmez	Collin Forbes Amy Stabler Phineus Eugene Yetman
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2. Call to the Audience  
**No Discussion. No action taken.**

**3. Tucson Police Department Liaison and TDOT Staff Updates**  
**No action taken.**

Sgt. Fernandez reported on the pedestrian crashes over the past month including:

- A fatal crash on Irvington on April 25. At first the incident was reported as a gunshot wound but it was determined to be a hit and run pedestrian crash.
- A crash at 2011 E. Wyoming – a 4 years old ran in front of car
- I-10 and Congress – a stroller was hit
- 355 N. Wilmot – 11:15 a.m. – hit and run – car turned and hit a ped in crosswalk
- Anklam Rd
- May 4 Prince – ped hit at a driveway – driver cited
- 22<sup>nd</sup> and Kolb – involved a Palo Verde high school student
- 322 W. Ajo Way

GOHS Grant – 23 deployments – 301 warnings to downtown second Saturdays

Question for Diahn – How does the city decide if cars can turn left on green or when they need to have a green turn arrow?

Diahn – it is a trade off between capacity

Maia – Perhaps the policy subcommittee can look at select locations where the PAC should recommend not having the permissive green phase

Evren – does a leading pedestrian interval help so that pedestrians get out in the crosswalk 3-7 seconds

Diahn – discussed a few different treatments that the city has experimented to help with pedestrian safety

Sgt. Fernandez talked about downtown Saturdays and that they give warnings at 4<sup>th</sup>/Congress/Toole

Emily asked about how much TDOT get news about the downtown enforcement – is there an coordination between TDOT and TPD on this?

Ann brought up concern about the signal timing at the location where this is enforcement (4<sup>th</sup> Ave/Congress/Toole) and how long pedestrians have to wait to cross.

Maia – policy subcommittee should look at coordination between these departments to talk about the issue of downtown Saturday and TDOT

Ann – 2 updates

- 1) Ped Safety 201 course – sign up

- 2) Bike/Ped Report – This is the first time we’ve done this report. It is more bike heavy than pedestrian heavy this time around but hoping in 2 years there will be some more balance as we are do more and more for pedestrian concerns.

#### **4. In-pavement Crossing Signs - Diahn Swartz**

- On Stone Avenue near the courthouse, TDOT put in signs on the pavement that remind drivers that it is the law to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- It has been really popular; however, given the lack of funding in order to meet demand, TDOT developed a draft policy to allow the public to fund these signs.

Education and encouragement subcommittees can get the word out about the policy whereas infrastructure can help identify candidate locations.

The policy states that it can only be on roads that are 25 mph. PAC asked if there can be a pilot for a 30 mph road. Diahn was open to this suggestion.

Diahn mentioned it will be interesting to see what the demand really is and how this goes.

**Emily Yetman moved to write a letter of support for this policy. Wendy Lotze seconded. All agreed. Maia agreed to write the letter**

Regarding signal timing and downtown – this is something that the policy subcommittee could look into – is a matter of the streetcar dictating the timing and making it so that pedestrians have to wait forever?

#### **5. Bylaws, Officers and Committee Membership**

There was a discussion regarding how long the term should be for PAC officers. It was agreed they will be 2-year terms. Therefore, in September the PAC will hold elections and in October the new officers will start.

Committee Seats – can we open it up – put out a call for the open seats.

#### **7. Broadway Boulevard No action taken.**

Ann explained the ADA requirements for minimum sidewalk width and Tucson’s 6 ft. minimum sidewalk width for arterial streets

Mayor / Council will be voting on the base alignment on June 9

Forest will go to the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting

Infrastructure subcommittee will try to meet with Jenn Toothaker before that.

**8. PAC Member profiles - Postponed**  
**No action taken.**

Jeannie Maldonado agreed to do the next profile.

**6. Pedestrian Bond Update**  
**No action taken.**

Board of Supervisors approved the bond election for this November. The package they adopted was more ambiguous compared to what Living Streets has been working on. They agreed to \$12 million dollars for walkability improvements but did not include the project list.

Walkability is to be in the same category as neighborhood reinvestments, housing, and health initiatives.

There was a ton of folks that came together for walkability on the bond and so there is talk of a coalition forming. A Walking Summit is in the works for sometime in the future.

There was a discussion of why the walkability proposal was not in the transportation section – it is a transportation MODE and should be reflected as such.

There was talk about how bike/ped projects can be made more visible with ribbon cuttings etc. May want to highlight ground breakings when pedestrian projects are to happen..

**9. Role of the Subcommittees and Subcommittee Reports**

**Policy and Implementation Subcommittee**

- Make sure the minutes go out to be disseminated to everyone.
- Michelle Scanze and Collin are officially on the committee
- They are working on a one page factsheet on pedestrian policy and hope to add laws to put on the website, etc.
- Next meeting is scheduled first Wednesday of every month. For the June meeting, they are going to go to Maynards to take a look at the Congress/4<sup>th</sup>/Toole intersection.
- Would like a future agenda item on what the city policies are with construction and closing sidewalk access.
- Another future agenda item should be SRTS infrastructure and education

Education, Promotion and Encouragement committee – has not met

#### Funding and Infrastructure

- Discussed RTA reauthorization plan and how to provide input.
- Infrastructure committee interested in looking at how to provide access for walled developments.
- Encouraging PAC members to apply to be on the PAG Bike/Ped subcommittee. Ann described what the committee does. The committee is made up of jurisdictional staff and some citizens.

**BJ Cordova made a motion to write a letter to PAG to ask they consider having more citizen members to get a broader range of input. Forest agreed to write the letter.**

There was discussion about what the role of subcommittees are/should be. The committee asked if Collin could present what the BAC does regarding authority of the subcommittees.

**Maia Ingram adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**